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Dear Sir,

My husband and I have been dues paying members of the Laurelhurst Community Club, (albeit inactive members, as the cadre who runs the organization does not exactly extend a real warm feeling about neighborliness and a sense of supporting organizations and ideas which make for a better world.) We choose to stay away from NIMBYS and would rather spread good words in our actions and support the needs of those who make a positive force in the lives of others.

We have lived in this community for 36 years, and I was raised in Windermere since 1950, when the Childrens' Hospital was built on its' present site. We have supported the Hospital through the years and have been impressed by how it treats the neighboring community as it continues to grow and benefit the children of Washington.

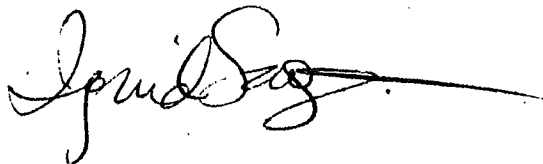
Not once, has the Laurelhurst Community Club Board sent us or any other neighbor a questionnaire or poll as to how we view the new expansion. They seem to have taken on the hospital expansion with a rigor and desperation that does not reflect the people I know or speak to about this matter.

The Laurelhurst Community Club Board, which seems to have an opinion on everything from a staircase leading from the Burke Gilman Trail down to NE 45th St, to hiring a land use attorney to guarantee that the Hospital is following a legal course of action, does not represent this Community. I wonder where the funds are coming from to hire the attorney to challenge the hospital.....The board has been together way too long. They make all neighborhood decisions alone. There seems to be no policy on term limits, and if you aren't a NIMBY, then forget being included in any policies which are trumpeted from their platform.

I have absolutely had it from that group, starting years ago with other expansions, the brouhaha over the heli pad (thank God it's there now!) and now this policing of a fine organization that benefits the lives of others....There are probably very few folks in the neighborhood who can say they were here before the hospital was.....We all know it is here, has been, and will be. One can choose not to live in the neighborhood if the expansion is so hard for them to embrace.

I do hope that when you evaluate the tenor of the board's actions, that you take pause, and realize that thousands of neighbors in the surrounding area support the expansion to its' fullest capabilities, and we revel that such a significant and beneficial landmark sits on our hill.

Sincerely, Ingrid Savage



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Dear Hearing Examiner:

I support the expansion of Seattle Children's Hospital. Despite the Laurelhurst Community Clubs appeal of the DPD Final Environmental Impact Statement, my neighbors in Windermere agree with the recommendations of the CAC and the DPD and approve of the Alternative 7R expansion plan.

The Laurelhurst Community Club is known for spending a lot of resources preventing development in Seattle and beyond, even when the proposed development marks a major improvement upon the current situation. This is one of those situations. This expansion serves the needs of the community by allowing the hospital to provide pediatric medical care to needy children. Please realize that the Laurelhurst Community Club has a long record of resisting any change, regardless of the benefits that the change will bring the neighborhood.

The area needs this expansion. We need the medical facilities, the jobs, and the traffic improvements.

Thank you,



Adam J. Tratt
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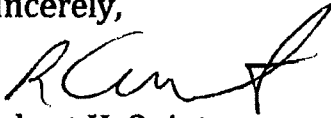
I am a lifelong resident of Northeast Seattle that is committed to maintaining the character and charm of this neighborhood. I have been a resident of the Northeast Seattle area my entire life. I grew up in View Ridge with my parents and my three siblings. I attended View Ridge Elementary, Eckstein Middle School and Roosevelt High School. As an adult, I married another Seattle native, and we raised our four children in Laurelhurst. Now that our children are grown, we have downsized to a small home in the Wedgewood neighborhood, just a few blocks from my childhood home.

Because of my commitment to this community, I want to ensure that the services Children's Hospital offers remain available to this community. I wrote a letter of support for the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan this past summer to the DPD because I felt that this plan takes into account the concerns of the community. Traffic in residential neighborhoods is minimized. Homeowners' views are protected. I believe the character of the Northeast Seattle neighborhood is not only preserved, but will be enhanced by the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7R expansion plan of Children's Hospital. I was pleased to learn that the DPD's final recommendations were aligned with the Alternative 7R proposal of the hospital.

A couple of weeks ago, I received a letter from the DPD saying that the Laurelhurst Community Club is appealing the adequacy determination of the DPD report. I am not a land use expert, but I want you to know that throughout the 14 years I lived in Laurelhurst I do not remember a single time that the LCC polled my opinion on a community issue. I did not agree with the LCC's efforts to constrain emergency helicopter flights a few years ago. I recognize that the active members of the LCC may think they are acting in the best interests of Laurelhurst residents, I think it is important for you to know

that not all Laurelhurst residents are in agreement with their positions. On this particular issue, a recent poll by a consultant of Seattle Children's Hospital found that only about 50% of Laurelhurst residents agree with the LCC's position on this issue, while the other 50% support the expansion of the hospital according to Alternative 7R because they feel that plan represents a fair compromise between the community and the hospital in areas such as traffic, energy sustainability, parking, and building heights.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Quint', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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RE: SUPPORTING HOSPITAL EXPANSION RECOMMENDATION

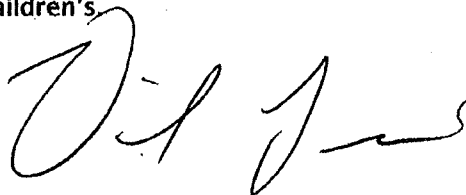
Dear Hearing Examiner,

I received a letter from the DPD recently and was disappointed to learn that the LCC questions the FEIS. I think the hospital has done an excellent job addressing the concerns raised by the community. I support the expansion of Children's Hospital and as a resident of NE Seattle, I agree with the recommendations made by the CAC, the DPD and Children's.

I wrote a letter to the Land Use Planner back in June of 2008 to express my support for the Alternative 7 plan and its ability to solve the neighborhood concerns. Since writing my letter this past summer, I have continued to follow the progress of the expansion project on the CAC website. I am very impressed by the thoroughness of the CAC's process, and I urge you to support their recommendations.

Children's is an important part of our community. I am raising my three children here in NE Seattle. I have coached their sports teams and have witnessed many injuries - both minor and more serious. Thankfully, Children's has always had the capacity to treat my children and their friends. I do not want to see the day when Children's no longer has the capacity to meet our medical demands. Please support the expansion plan that has been recommended by the CAC, the DPD and Children's.

Sincerely,



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Dear Hearing Examiner:

I wanted to send a letter showing my support for the recommendations made by the CAC, Seattle Children's Hospital and the Department of Planning and Development. You probably are wondering why a resident of New York is interested in this Northeast Seattle community issue. Though I am currently residing in New York for school, I grew up in Laurelhurst at 5105 NE 45th Street. I plan to return to Seattle upon completion of my college education, and therefore, remain informed and involved in community issues.

After receiving the letter from the DPD explaining that the Laurelhurst Community Club found the Final Environmental Impact Study inadequate, I felt the need to write another letter expressing my support for the expansion of the hospital. I researched the FEIS myself and found it to be more than adequate. I hope you see this tactic by the Laurelhurst Community Club as simply a way to delay the project and waste resources, such as money and time.

I wrote a letter to the DPD in June 2007, in support of Alternative 7 because of its proposed solutions to noise complaints, traffic and entrances. I believe the hospital has done an outstanding job meeting the needs and wishes of the community. Placing the development site on the Laurelon Terrace property is an exemplary attempt by the hospital to work with the unique needs and constraints of the surrounding neighborhood to find a solution that benefits everyone.

I appreciate that Children's Hospital values the charming neighborhoods of Northeast Seattle as much as I do. I am glad to know that Children's Hospital has invested the time and energy to find a community solution to their expansion needs.

Thank you,

Bernadette C. Quint

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March 6, 2008

Hearing Examiner Sue Tanner
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Re: Seattle Children's

Dear Hearing Examiner Tanner:

I apologize for not having exact numbers at my fingertips when I testified yesterday in support of the Seattle Children's housing plan. I did not realize that I would be cross examined.

Opposing counsel was correct when he stated that the Seattle Children's contribution in mitigation would be \$36,764. Although I did not want to speak without checking, that number sounded very familiar. In addition to my full time work as Project Director of the Committee to End Homelessness, I have served since 2003 on the Seattle Low Income Housing Levy Oversight Committee, which monitors the investments by the Office of Housing through the Low Income Housing Levy. In the first six years of the Levy, the Office of Housing has funded the construction of 1,814 new units with a Housing Levy investment of \$53,570 million, an average levy investment of \$29,530 per unit. The levy is able to achieve this through leveraging other funding sources. Although construction costs rose in recent years, we are getting reports that the recession and steep drop in housing production has brought similar drops in costs. At \$29,530 contribution per unit, \$5,000,000 would create 169 units.

I have worked with the Office of Housing for many years in many roles (in addition to the ones mentioned above, I have served as President of AIDS Housing of Washington when we built Bailey Boushay House and as Chair of the Seattle Housing Authority. My understanding is that the Office of Housing has committed to working with Seattle Children's to create 136 new replacement units using the \$5 million cash contribution. Based on my experience with the Office of Housing I have considerable confidence that having made that commitment, it will be able to find the necessary leverage to do so.

I was perplexed to learn, following the hearing, that no credit for replacement is being given to the substantial sums being paid to the sellers, most of whom I would expect to use the sales proceeds to purchase replacement housing. This creates an odd sort of "form over substance". If Seattle Children's made a condition of purchase that the sellers buy new replacement housing, every dollar paid the sellers would have been credited to replacement. Yet, because the sellers were given freedom to choose, none of the money receives credit even though much of it will undoubtedly be spent in exactly that manner. I have always been an opponent of form over substance and of creating rules that force distorted impositions. I hope that does not occur in this case.

My bottom line, being concerned with homelessness, is that people whose housing is demolished have safe and affordable housing at the end of the day. In this case this happens twofold -- once through the reinvestment of the sales price and again through Seattle Children's commitment to additional unit replacement. As I said, this is the model I would hope all developments follow.

Sincerely,



Bill Block
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Sue Tanner, Hearing Examiner
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Re: Children's Hospital Major Institution Master Plan

Ms. Tanner:

I'm a Seattle Architect with a 24-year-old practice that specializes in community projects including the planning and design of community health care facilities. I am not a member of the Children's Hospital planning team.

I've heard that when the Dali Lama was asked what ordinary people could do to promote world peace; he said "be kind to children". For over 100 years, Seattle Children's Hospital has worked within their mission as a compassionate provider for children's health; the ultimate in kindness to children. Children's is currently ranked among the top ten pediatric hospitals in America. And yet uncompensated and under-compensated care to patients whose families were unable to pay is expected to climb to nearly \$80 million in 2008. The number of children in our region is projected to grow and Children's Hospital is already overcrowded. I believe this expansion to their care facilities is justified, necessary and crucial for the care of our children.

After a review of the Children's Master Plan, it is my professional opinion that the plan has struck the right balance between delivery of critical services and sensitivity to the adjacent and surrounding neighborhood. I am particularly pleased with Children's plan to further decentralize its outpatient services and focus development at the hospital campus on inpatient care and highly specialized services that are more difficult to replicate in more than one location.

The two years of community involvement by the planning team is commendable. The Master Plan Alternative 7R as a Final Master Plan includes some significant responsiveness to community input including:

- Particular attention and sensitivity to the edges and buffers of the site that abut lower density residential uses
- Reduction of the greatest building heights from 240 feet to 140 feet
- Eliminating the need for vehicle entrances on neighborhood streets
- Reduction of the bulk and scale of proposed facilities and creative masking of larger structures by "submerging" them within the natural topography
- And, creation of an innovative transit hub

I can support this master plan and I encourage its adoption.

Sincerely,



Donald I. King, FAIA

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March 3, 2009

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Re: Seattle Children's Hospital's Expansion

Dear Hearing Examiner:

I am writing to express my strong support of Children's Hospital's plans for growth at the Laurelhurst campus. I strongly urge you to support the proposal before you, Alternative 7r, which I believe is the best plan to meet the demands of the hospital while maintaining the character of the neighborhood.

I've lived in Laurelhurst for the past 10 years and truly value Children's Hospital and the lifesaving work it does for children in our region. It is an important part of our neighborhood and an asset to our community. I strongly disagree with the efforts of a small group, the board of the Laurelhurst Community Club (LCC), to sabotage the fine work done by the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). While the LCC may claim to represent me they in fact do not and their efforts to convince you otherwise are dishonest and border on fraudulent.

The CAC met many times over nearly two years and listened carefully to the concerns of our neighborhood and addresses my initial concerns regarding the height, bulk and scale of Children's proposed expansion. Children's Hospital worked diligently with the CAC and the resultant proposal is extremely responsive to the concerns expressed in those meetings.

The recommendations contained in the CAC report and the DPD Directors Report strike a fair compromise in addressing the neighborhood's concerns. It preserves view site lines, eliminates traffic access through the neighborhood streets and will lessen the construction impacts as well.

The CAC further requires Children's to justify space needs prior to commencing each phase, reduce maximum heights in certain areas and restrict entry from 40th Avenue Northeast. The transportation mitigation plan is aggressive and responsive to the concerns of the community.

Alternative 7r demonstrates that the Citizen's Advisory Committee and Children's Hospital care deeply about the neighborhood and the hospital. In my view, Alternative 7r is a win for both the hospital and the community. Please approve it in its current form.

Sincerely,



Steve Wilson

Jeanie & M. Scott Macaulay
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March 3, 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

We heard recently of the plan to expand Children's Hospital and also the possibility of Children's Hospital being split into various locations rather than being expanded in its present location. That potential is of great concern to us.

Our son was born in 1994 with a birth defect that required skull reconstruction at eight months, three eye subsequent surgeries, and annual follow up appointments at the Craniofacial Clinic. We live in Juneau, Alaska and come down every 12-18 months to Children's Hospital for our son's appointments. We anticipate that he will have one more major reconstructive surgery within the next 4-5 years.

During our day-long check-up appointments at Children's Hospital, we see 6-10 doctors in various fields including pediatrics, plastic surgery, ophthalmology, oral surgery, and dentistry. This makes for a very full day when the clinics are located in a single building - the thought of having to travel between buildings located any distance apart would drag the day incredibly.

Additionally, there have been times when CAT scans and/or X-Rays were required and we were able to work them in while waiting for our next appointment. If a specific doctor were running late, we'd be sent on to our next appointment and called back later.

Having the clinics split between several (or even two!) locations would make this difficult day even harder for families. As much as we appreciate the facility, coming to Children's Hospital is not a walk in the park for us - please don't make the experience even more difficult.

The one thought we are left with every time we spend a day there, is how fortunate we are to live in this time with the technology that's available today, and close enough to such a wonderful facility where our son has had repeated surgeries. We are also very aware of how fortunate we are to be able to walk out, with our son, at the end of the day. Not all families are so lucky.

So, thank you for all you do for families like ours, and please, please keep all the clinics of Children's Hospital intact under a single roof.

Thank you,

Jeanie and Scott Macaulay
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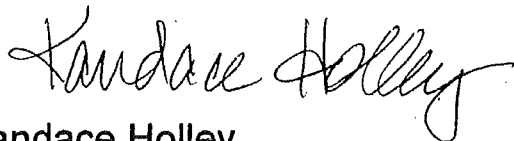
Re: Seattle Children's Hospital expansion

Dear Sir or Madam:

I think it's ridiculous that the Laurelhurst Community Association continues to fight the expansion of this much needed resource for children in our community! The Hospital has been working for years with everyone affected by this expansion—and has bent over backwards to work with numerous citizens and neighborhoods to come to compromises that seems to work for everyone but this small but vocal group that doesn't even agree with most of the Laurelhurst community it claims to represent.

This nonsense must stop now! Please do not let the LCA waste any more of our precious time. Seattle Children's Hospital needs to expand to provide the world class services and care we expect in our region. Let's move on!

Sincerely,



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I have been following the proposed expansion of Seattle Children's Hospital and the appeal now being filed. I would simple like to express the personal opinion of me and my family.

We have, over the years, had the need to take our children and grandchildren to Children's Hospital. Fortunately the outcome of each visit was positive and successful although stressful. We feel truly blessed to have such a world class hospital in our very city. It is imperative that it be in close proximity to our greatest population and ready, willing and able to serve all children.

As our health care situation grows, we believe so does the need for more and better facilities for our children. The demand is certainly growing every year and we must keep pace.

We hope that you will consider the needs of the entire state and surrounding states rather than just a small neighborhood. It seems to us most unreasonable to even consider the hospital moving to another location - this would be financially impossible - or put in a position of not being able to accept patients because of not enough bed space.

Thank you for allowing our comments and thoughts. We feel very strongly that we need Children's to grow and keep up with the needs of our children. They are our future.

Sincerely,

Bill & Kathy Kerzie & families
12323 NE 68th Place, Kirkland, WA



March 2, 2009

Office of the Hearing Examiner
Seattle Municipal Tower
Room 4000 (40th Floor)
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Seattle, WA

I am here this morning to support the Children's Hospital expansion so it will continue to provide even greater service to its communities. As you already know low wages that have not kept pace with inflation; de-institutionalization of people with mental illnesses without appropriate support services, alarming rates of domestic violence; criminalization of chemical addiction combined with an inadequate treatment system, and along with Institutional racism and oppression of people living in poverty all of which are all by-products of homelessness with children being the collateral damage. What is collective accountability to all our children? Is it not to protect their health and well-being? Children's commitment to providing quality care to all children regardless of their family's ability to pay is central to human services. It is consistent not only with Seattle City Council's 2009 priority, but to critical human services in the Puget Sound Region. According to the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, people who are homeless suffer from extremely high rates of acute and chronic health problems due to poor nutrition, exposure to the elements, fatigue and stress. This was true for a former client of First Place who had to face taking care of an asthmatic four year old under a bridge; and seeking warmth for them both by way of a bus ride from Seattle to Federal Way and back. She had to deal with her child's severe attacks in fear and isolation, until she was able to get help at Children's Hospital emergency care.

In 2007, Children's provided approximately \$65 million in uncompensated care and in

2008 that number had risen to nearly \$80 million. It is because of Children's commitment to provide quality care to ALL children regardless of their family's ability to pay. This commitment saved the life of my former client's child, who is now attending Leschi Elementary School and was recently nominated to Rainier Scholars. Her mother is now a paid member of my staff. Where would she be if Children's Hospital was not there for her? This is why First Place places its support behind Children's Hospital expansion; and we ask that you do the same to protect our most precious commodity—all children.

Respectfully


Dr. Doreen A. Cato

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SEATTLE HEARING EXAMINER
RE: SEATTLE CHILDRENS MASTER PLAN
Monday, March 2, 2009

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

My name is Dolores Sibonga. I am a retired lawyer, currently serving on the Board of Appeals and Equalization for King County. We hear appeals from taxpayers contesting the valuation of their property within King County.

I don't intend to duplicate what others have said but to speak to my role as a policy maker in the City of Seattle's master plan process, and then more personally to my involvement with Seattle Childrens.

I was a member of the Seattle City Council for more than 12 years, from 1980 through 1991, during which we passed the Major Institution Policy in July of 1981 after an extensive and lengthy public process. It was borne out of the necessity to balance two important factors: first, the need to allow institutions like the University of Washington and Seattle Childrens to provide healthcare, education and other human services locally and regionally and, second, to minimize any negative impacts on surrounding neighborhoods.

As Councilmembers representing the entire City, not just districts, we took very seriously our responsibility to achieve that balance.

In order to carry out that policy - again, after prescribed public process - the Major Institution Code was passed in 1983. The zoning mechanism used to carry out the policy was to establish boundaries for the 18 colleges and hospitals which could not expand outside their boundaries without a master plan. The process required neighborhood participation and, of course, final approval by the City Council.

A master plan was required in several instances: 1) expansion beyond the boundaries; 2) demolition or conversion of existing housing; 3) request for a rezone or change in development standards, and 4) when the proposed development, together with other recent

development within the boundaries "creates a significant cumulative impact on the surrounding area," for example, a SEPA review. Flexible zoning, as well as what was called "dual zoning", were imposed to deal with non-institutional and institutional uses. Dual zoning required that institutional structures be set back from non-institutional property within the boundaries. And also regulated a major institution if it developed a use unrelated to its institutional function, such as a commercial structure.

Later, again after extensive public process, there was a Major Institution Policies update in March of 1990 that provided the basis for Land Use Code provisions governing major institutions.

The new "Framework Policy" placed great value on major institutions, recognizing their services and also their contribution to employment opportunities and the economy, but again emphasized the need to balance the public benefits with the livability of neighborhoods.

The policy stated: "Special land use provisions that modify the underlying zoning shall be established in order to allow such uses to thrive while ensuring that the impacts of major institution development on the surrounding neighborhood are satisfactorily mitigated."

Having given that background, let me turn to other more personal observations.

In early 2000, I served on a committee at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center composed of citizens, medical researchers and professionals which included members of Childrens. I was once more impressed with the scope of Childrens services to the region in the provision of care as well as research, as well as coordination within the health care community.

And regarding my family. I was married to my husband, Marty Sibonga, for 47 years. He was born during the Great Depression, was orphaned as a child, shuttled from home to orphanage and suffered from rickets, eczema and asthma. But he remembered with great fondness, his treatment at Childrens in the 1930's. The attentive and tender care of the doctors and nurses and volunteers

were treasured memories for him. My daughter now serves as a volunteer at Childrens.

Then, many years later when my grandson was born, I recall the early morning call from my daughter saying they were at Childrens because there was a problem with a heart valve. I was so very grateful that he was being cared for at Childrens Hospital.

I respectfully urge that the Hearing Examiner find that Seattle Childrens proposed plan has met each significant master plan element and environmental issue, and that it provides a balance between public benefits and the needs of the institution with the neighborhood quality of life.

Thank you.



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Re: Expansion of Seattle Children's Hospital - In
favor of!

Dear Sir,

The Seattle Children's Hospital has been an important, and life affirming part of our family for many years, and I do hope that the proposed expansion project will go forward.

It is time that those of us who have more than others begin to share - our space, our resources, our talents; and make this a healthier, happier world for the children of future generations.

Sincerely,
Guivanna Gillis

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A personal note

Hearing Dr. Zimmermann
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Dear Sir:

As a long time (37 years)
resident of North east Seattle,
I ask support of Hazelton Terrace
(Alternative 7R) Expansion Plan.
The Citizens' Advisory Committee
and the Seattle Department of
Planning and Development have
studied and recommend this
alternative which balances the
needs - Greater Seattle and our
state - with the Hazelhurst area.

Sincerely Daniel B. Peterson

March 1, 2008

Dear Hearing Examiner

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I am writing in support of the expansion of Children's Hospital. I am a View Ridge resident and both of my children, Aaron (age 6) and Nathaniel (age 3), have been hospitalized for multiple days at the hospital.

Both of my children were hospitalized during the very busy February + March seasons. When Nathaniel was hospitalized as an infant staff had to keep him in the emergency room overnight because there were no quarantined rooms upstairs available. We spent more than 24 hours in the emergency room getting very little rest with all of the proo-crying children with broken bones, etc. entering the emergency room.

In Aaron's case, there ~~was~~ was also no quarantined room where I, still nursing him (he was 7 days old), and ill with the flu, could stay in privacy with him. We were in a room with, I think, 4

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February 21, 2009

Dear Hearing Examiner:

I am a strong supporter for the expansion of Children's Hospital. The hospital is a vital resource for our city, region and state. With the current need for employment a major concern, the expansion will offer an additional 2,900 jobs to the Northeast community by 2012. The creation of these jobs is just another amazing benefit this expansion offers the community.

Please support the recommended expansion of the hospital. The hospital must expand without further delay, and the Laurelon Terrace site provides enough space for the hospital to build patient beds for the next 20 years. I want to know that Seattle Children's will have a bed for my future children or the children that I teach, should they need it. This truly is a wonderful plan.

Sincerely,



Jacqueline Layton

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Re: -
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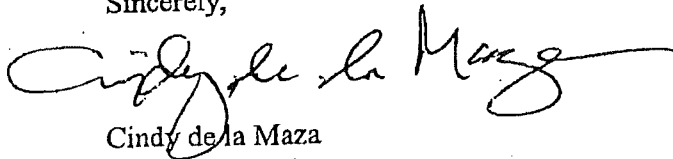
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recommendation. I have been very impressed with the effort and compromise put forth by Children's to address concerns about building height, traffic, transportation, etc and feel that 7R is the best option for all involved – the Laurelhurst community including Laurelon residents, as well as the greater Seattle community and the entire region the hospital serves. Children's has not only worked hard to address issues expressed by Laurelhurst residents, but have offered a very fair price to compensate Laurelon Terrace residents.

Thank-you for your time in reviewing this proposal. Please support Children's Hospital expansion proposal 7R.

Sincerely,



Cindy de la Maza

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Re: Seattle Children's Appeal Hearing

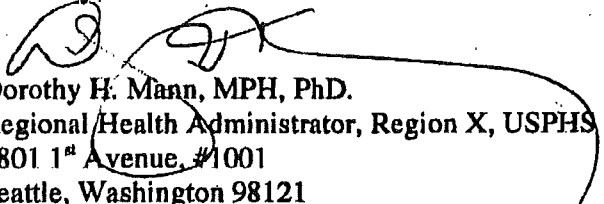
Early in the EIS process I wrote the City's Planning Department to express my informed support of Seattle Children Hospital's plans to expand it's facility to better served it pediatric population.

Seattle Children's is unique in its ability to provide specialty and tertiary care to children with a variety of medical needs not otherwise available in this community. While I understand the rights and concerns of the surrounding neighborhoods to be engaged in the permit process, I am writing to urge that your office take into account Seattle Children's unique status as a provider of children's health and medical services.

By way of background, I served for a number of years as the ranking federal public health official overseeing programs that provided funds for health services to populations in the four state region of Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Alaska. I am currently a member of the Board of Directors of Virginia Mason Medical Center and serve on its Quality of Care Committee which is concerned with patient safety and quality.

I appreciate having the opportunity to provide this letter in support of Seattle Children's and look forward to the time when all concerns have been satisfactorily dealt with institution can proceed with its much needed capital improvements.

Sincerely,


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Dear Hearing Examiner,

We strongly support the expansion of Children's Hospital and feel that the recommendations made by the Department of Planning and Development, the Citizens Advisory Committee and the hospital are more than adequate. Alternative 7R is the best option that both the hospital and the community will benefit from the following reasons:

- Innovative transportation programs
- Unparalleled sustainability goals
- The expansion will create thousands of new jobs; directly and indirectly

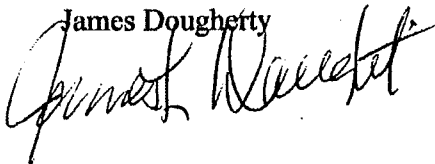
Please support this expansion. Children's is a critical resource. It is a shame that some would attempt to stop the progress of such a facility. We appreciate everything Children's has done for this community, and it's our job to ensure that it continues to serve at the best of its ability.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Dougherty



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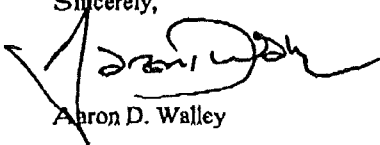
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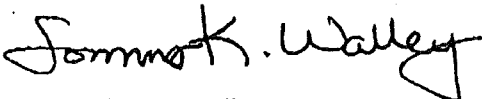
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Dear Mrs. Sue Tanner,

Mr. Aaron D. Walley and Mrs. Sommer Klewenö Walley would like to write a letter in support of Alternative 7R.

Sincerely,


Aaron D. Walley


Sommer Klewenö Walley

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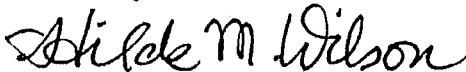
To the Attention of the Hearing Examiner:

When we received word that the concerns revolving around the expansion of Seattle Children's Hospital were solved with the purchase of Laurelon Terrace property, everyone seemed pleased to have arrived at this very workable solution.

I am one of many who find it difficult to learn that a few members of the Laurelhurs Community Club continue to find reasons that are keeping this project from getting under way!

All major problems have been solved, it's time to get started on the real project! As a retiree from Children's (after twenty years of service, and now 19 years in retirement), I'd like to still be around when they open that new section of the hospital, now under its new name of SEATTLE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL!

Sincerely,


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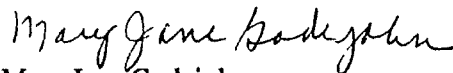
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To Whom It May Concern:

Childrens Hospital was founded in 1907, and has, since that time, grown into one of the premier hospitals for children in the United States.

We are now faced with a situation in which it is crucial to our continued efficient operation that we be permitted to expand our campus in Laurelhurst in order to accommodate the increase in demand for patient rooms. Many times in the recent past we have operated at near capacity, and this situation will continue to worsen if we are not able to, over the next twenty years, add at least two hundred patient rooms to the current campus. Having examined several other options for expansion, it has become clear that the only way to accomplish our goals is to add to the existing facility in Laurelhurst. We are hopeful that those of you who will decide Childrens future will permit us to proceed with the growth we very badly need in order to deliver the excellent care we are known for. Please approve the Laurelon Terrace (Alternative 7R) Expansion Plan.

Very Truly Yours,



Mary Jane Godejohn
Long time Childrens Volunteer

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Dear Hearing Examiner:

My name is Neil Kaneshiro and I am writing today in support of Seattle Children's growth effort in Seattle. I have been a pediatrician at Woodinville Pediatrics in Woodinville since 1995. I am currently the President of WCAAP (Washington State Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics) and currently am an attending physician at Children's. I have lived in Seattle for 16 years and currently reside in the Windermere neighborhood near the hospital.

My perspective comes from my many years as a community pediatric physician. As this region has seen tremendous increases in growth we have continued to see in increasing need for Children's specialized pediatric services. It is critical for all of us to plan thoughtfully so that the hospital has the capacity to care for those who need its services. Currently there are times when I have difficulty admitting patients to Seattle Children's Hospital because of lack of beds and am forced to improvise for those patients. To me, this is clear evidence of the need to increase the capacity of the hospital.

The benefits that Children's provides reach beyond the immediate neighborhood and this amazing city. The hospital serves children from Washington, Alaska, Montana and Idaho. They provide the most comprehensive set of services available in the Northwest, most of which are not readily available at other hospitals in the region.

I commend the Citizens Advisory Committee for the work they have done with the hospital to put a plan together (7R) that works for the patients Children's serves as well as its community. I urge you to move forward with the expansion as planned.

Regards,

Dr. Neil Kaneshiro

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Dear Hearing Examiner,

I am writing this letter to voice *my support* of the Children's Hospital expansion project in the Laurelhurst neighborhood of NE Seattle. I am a home owner in the Laurelhurst neighborhood, only minutes from Children's Hospital, and have always valued the security of knowing that one of the country's top children emergency care facilities is in my own backyard.

I agree with the recommendations made by the Citizens Advisory Committee, Department of Planning and Development and the hospital itself. I have received the letter from the DPD and I'm aware that the LCC is appealing the EIS report. I find the actions by the LCC to be completely ridiculous and a waste of this community's funds. The LCC does not adequately represent this community and feel this point needs to be taken into consideration.

In particular, I feel that Alternative 7R, the Laurelon Terrace expansion option, is a wise, common sense approach to expanding the hospital's space while having little impact on the neighboring community, and I fully support this alternative.

Thank You,


Robin Walker

BEFORE THE CITY OF SEATTLE
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February 22, 2009

TO:

SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT

CASE NO.

FEIS - SEATTLE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
Statement of Standing and Support

As residents of the North Seattle community and strong supporters for thoughtful, managed growth in Seattle, we respectfully submit this statement for the official public record. Our interest in this process parallels our interests in the development of Magnuson Park, a process which was significantly compromised by the Laurelhurst Community Club.

We strongly urge your consideration of these issues in establishing the quality and integrity of Children's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and recognizing the community's participation in the CAC's thoughtful, inclusive process.

The Laurelhurst Community Club (LCC) has filed a formal appeal concerning the Children's EIS. In their appeal, LCC makes an assertion that is significant to the community's representation in this and other matters. Specifically, the LCC states:

A. Standing

"Since 1922 the Laurelhurst Community Club...has represented the interests of the Laurelhurst community, including in matters concerning land use, development, and the welfare of the community. LCC's standing to represent the interests of the community's 2,800 households and businesses has been recognized..."

We believe LCC has substantially distorted the community's interests, and the neighborhood it purports to represent.

Therefore, we ask that the Hearing Examiner consider the following issues, in assessing both the appellant's standing and expressed concerns regarding the Seattle Children's Hospital EIS.

ISSUE A: MISREPRESENTING MEMBERSHIP

In the statement of Standing, the LCC cites a constituency of "2,800 households and businesses." This statement elicits three concerns:

- The 2,800 number was published by LCC in its newsletter until March of 2007, when it was increased to claim 3,000 members. During that time however, there were no corresponding increases in the number of businesses and residences in that community. In its current materials LCC alternately cites a membership of both 3,000 and 2,800. This is a repeated discrepancy.
- At the same time, in the minutes of the LCC monthly meeting for August 11, 2008, the LCC's own Treasury report states:

"As of 7/31/08, of the 1,380 families, businesses and others within the LCC, 591 have paid their 2008 dues."

This much smaller number is again cited by LCC in their July 9, 2008 letter to Scott Ringgold. This is a further, repeated, discrepancy.

Not only is the 2,800 number used arbitrarily within LCC, there is clearly a significant gap ☐ **potentially five-fold** ☐ between what LCC publicly and privately counts as "members."

As such, LCC's statement of Standing is manifestly false.

As the CAC process made clear, we believe LCC represents a small strain of private interests in the community.

Furthermore, we believe this lack of integrity substantially erodes ☐ if not completely relegates ☐ LCC's standing as the stated representative of the community.

ISSUE B: AGENCY

The LCC claims that it represents the interests of every household in the Laurelhurst community. However, there are no neighborhood covenants, nor legally binding regulations, nor official authority given by the City of Seattle ☐ by which LCC can base these representative rights.

It is an entirely baseless claim.

Quite simply, once you move into Laurelhurst, the LCC claims it is your representative ☐ de facto ☐ with no means to opt-out from under their representative cover.

The authority to represent Laurelhurst residents has not been given by many people ☐ nor do we feel it should be taken by you ☐ on the matter of the EIS.

ISSUE C: REPRESENTATION

The LCC daims to be a representative organization, yet members have virtually no say in the selection of their representation:

- ∞ The Board of Trustees is not directly elected by members. A committee of Trustees nominates only those candidates it approves, and members are required to attend a meeting in person to approve the slate in an open vote. No private or direct votes are permitted by the general membership. Trustees are regularly appointed by other Trustees without member election. (LCC Bylaws, Article III, Section 4 Election of Officers).
- ∞ There are no term limits, with current Trustees sitting in office for over a decade. (LCC Bylaws, Article III, Section 2 Number of Trustees, Qualification, Elections.)
- ∞ There are no mechanisms in the LCC Bylaws to recall a Trustee.

In the simplest terms, Laurelhurst residents can't affect the representation of a group that daims to represent them.

As a result, LCC has become an oligarchy.

Therefore, in the strongest possible terms, we object to LCC's declaration of Standing on behalf of the community. It is a fabrication.

ISSUE D: PRIOR INTENT

The LCC's published charter clearly prioritizes their organizational objectives:

"#1 Goal Nonresidential development (public or private) should be prohibited in all areas of Laurelhurst where existing development is predominantly residential."

It is disingenuous of the LCC to say they are working in good faith with the community, when their clearly stated intent is "prohibiting" all growth.

While LCC has characterized itself as a "community council" □ it is clear that is clear by their words and actions that they are an issue-driven political organization.

It is not possible to reconcile LCC's mission of absolute PROHIBITION, to the City of Seattle's desire for consultation, cooperation, negotiation and mitigation.

Like other neighborhoods, the Laurelhurst community possesses many differing opinions about growth. By virtue of its own stated "#1 Goal," LCC cannot possibly be representative of the community on issues relating to land use.

We believe LCC's objection to the EIS is a blatant attempt to frustrate any growth and in fact not representative of the Laurelhurst community's support for reasonable growth.

ISSUE E: VIOLATING THE INTEGRITY OF THE CAC

The Laurelhurst Community Club has marketed a Web site related to this process: www.childrensaction.com

On this Web site on the left-hand side is a link to the "Citizen's Advisory Committee," encouraging public comment through direct contact with CAC members.

Deceptively, this link also connects to the e-mail address of Jeannie Hale, President of LCC implying Ms. Hale too were a member of Citizen's Advisory Committee. (As you know, she is not.)

In doing so, members of the public who want their opinions to be heard confidentially by CAC members are surreptitiously having their e-mails routed to the appellant group, who can then monitor that correspondence.

Any misrepresentation of an official, public appointment is an outrageous breach of the integrity of the CAC, a group who worked tirelessly to balance the interests of our community.

Such malignant deception has frustrated a fair and equitable hearing of Laurelhurst's interests on land use. It is bitterly ironic for LCC to appeal the CAC's recommendation on the basis of due process, while the public is denied the same privilege.

ISSUE F: FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

To be truly representative it is important that LCC's expenditures reflect the priorities of the members. Despite LCC's own bylaws, (*Article III, Section 5 Officers' Duties*), current Trustees have failed to provide a timely, detailed accounting of Club finances:

- As of 02/01/09 the LCC's Web site lists 2001 as the most current annual report that includes a financial statement. (Seven years!)
- LCC bylaws clearly call for a Treasury report at "regular meetings." Finances for both the November and December 08 meetings were deferred at each meeting, and as of 02/01/09 had not yet been reported.
- Similarly, the October 08 Treasury report was still not filed as of 02/01/09.

Absent compliance to its own self-imposed bylaws, LCC provides no mechanism of oversight to assure the resources of the Club reflect the priorities of the membership.

Therefore, we urge the Hearing Examiner to regard the appeal as representing a small, cloistered group of private interests □ operating away from and without substantial accountability to the members it claims to represent.

ISSUE G: FUNDING SOURCES

Related to Children's expansion, the LCC has commissioned numerous "expert" reports on land-use, environment and traffic, etc. It also retains the services of an attorney whose own Web site proclaims him a "Washington Super Lawyer."

(One cannot imagine that these services come cheaply!)

The sources of funding for LCC remain non-specific □ and are simply listed as "Dues" and income from "Special Projects," on the infrequent Treasury reports. The considerable cost of these "experts" cannot be reconciled to any current financial statements, calling into question the funding and other interests behind LCC.

Without sufficient transparency into the financial sponsorship of LCC's "expert" reports, we respectfully request that they not be considered a fair and objective reflection of Laurelhurst's concerns.

ISSUE H: ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

Effectively representing Laurelhurst requires timely and complete reporting of issues and actions impacting the community.

The LCC appears derelict in its adherence to its own bylaws, continually failing to report and approve the minutes of its monthly meetings.

- At the January monthly meeting, the Trustees approved a backlog of prior monthly minutes in apparent violation of its own bylaws. (*Section 9 Order of Business Meetings*.)
- In late-January 09, the LCC finally published back-dated meeting minutes for November and December 08 □ in violation of their own bylaws.
- As of 02/01/09, the October 08 minutes remained missing from the public record.
- The July 08 meeting minutes reflect a member's complaint that LCC had not published its meeting minutes for the preceding nine (9) months, since September 07, demonstrating a continued disregard for members.

Continued failure to keep, approve and publish the meeting minutes leaves the community without the information we require to assure equitable representation of member interests by LCC.

We believe the Hearing Examiner will agree that without adherence to its own bylaws, LCC cannot be a significant, credible representative of a community's interests.

ISSUE I: CONSTITUENT INPUT

The LCC does not have an effective mechanism for input from the very public it purports to represent.

As recently as the January 09 monthly meeting LCC Trustees motioned that policy meetings about Children's be held in "Executive Session" - closed to members and not reported in the meeting minutes.

As such, there is no transparency to members into how their interests are represented.

As no LCC bylaws govern the appropriate use of Executive Session - substantial discussions about issues are conducted in secrecy, a way from its members.

It is intellectually dishonest to say that LCC's appeal is a thoughtful, deliberative reflection of the community's concerns.

After 25+ community meetings, the CAC brought to light many of the neighborhood's issues, and we feel they have been substantially addressed in the EIS.

ISSUE J: TRANSPARENCY

The LCC has cited other community organizations as broadly supporting the appellant position, including groups such as the *Northeast District Council* and the *Seattle Community Council Federation*.

We urge the Hearing Examiner to note that LCC's President - Jeannie Hale - is the current Chair of *The Seattle Community Council Federation*, and Co-Chairs at the *Northeast District Council*.

This supposed "broad" support for LCC's position is populist veneer.

The Laurelhurst community's support of the EIS mitigation plan was made abundantly clear during the CAC meetings. The broad support that LCC claims to have is a fabrication of a few narrow interests, and does not reflect the process that engaged the community in developing a thoughtful EIS.

ISSUE K: EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION

LCC states that all residents are members, and that it represents all members.

However, that representation appears highly conditional. On January 26th, 09 a dues-paying member requested information required under RCW 24.03.135, a statute

regulating non-profit corporations. That request was rebuked, significantly on the basis that the member has previously spoken in support of Children's Hospital.

LCC's unwillingness (or inability) to adhere to the State's law without unwarranted restrictions calls into question the intentions of the organization.

Given the demonstrable bias against members who support various positions, we ask that the LCC be considered hostile to the interests of any expansion, and therefore not a constructive partner in the process.

SUMMARY

The Laurelhurst Community Club has clearly misrepresented its membership, failed its own Bylaws, and subverts the interests of the process of gathering community input

After many, many meetings the LCC has had more than enough time and opportunity to make its case to the public.

For countless issues, LCC has sought to block or subvert the goodwill of people in Seattle:

- ∞ *Outdoor Playfields at Magnuson Park*
- ∞ *Indoor Soccer Facility Renovations*
- ∞ *Retirement & Low-Income Housing (Talaris)*
- ∞ *UW Amenities (Stadium & Driving Range)*
- ∞ *Historic Preservation (Laurelton)*
- ∞ *Public Safety (Medical Helicopters)*
- ∞ *Transportation (520 Bridge & Tacoma Narrows)*
- ∞ *Economic Development (U-Village)*
- ∞ *Healthcare (Seattle Children's Hospital)*

We believe Laurelhurst and the City of Seattle deserve community representation that is fair, equitable, transparent and accountable.

For this, we ask the Hearing Examiner to allow the CAC report stand for the interests of the community.

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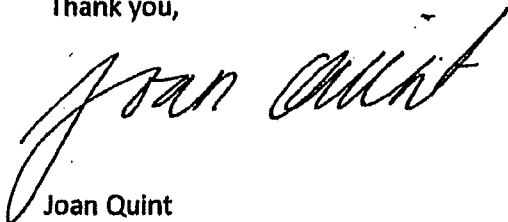
Dear Hearing Examiner,

As a member of the Northeast Seattle community, I support Laurelon Alternative 7R expansion of Children's Hospital. I lived in Laurelhurst for nine years, and then lived in a sorority while attending the University of Washington. Now I am a mechanical engineer working for McKinstry downtown, but I remain a resident of the area living just outside the University Village.

I wrote a letter to the DPD last June and spoke at a CAC meeting this past fall. I have been impressed throughout this process of Children's dedication to becoming a LEED institution with energy efficient facilities. Their efforts in environmental sustainability (consistent with their transportation, employee benefits, and medical research programs) are truly world-renowned.

I appreciate that Children's has worked with and listened to the wishes of the community throughout this expansion process. I thank you for hearing the appeal of the LCC, but I hope you understand that this appeal only speaks for a small minority of people living near the hospital.

Thank you,



Joan Quint

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Dear Hearing Examiner,

I urge you to support the recommendations made by the Citizens Advisory Committee, the Department of Planning and Development and Children's Hospital. I have been following the progress of the expansion project for a long time now. As a resident of Northeast Seattle, I support the expansion for the following reasons:

- The hospital is operating at an over-capacity level.
- The expansion plan provides enough space to meet the needs of the hospital for the next 20 years, so that the community does not face this same demand/capacity issue in the near future.
- Children's has created a solid and creative transportation solution.
- Children's growth will help support Seattle's economic recovery.

Please support the proposed expansion. It must occur so that Children's Hospital can continue to serve the community's children.

Thank you,



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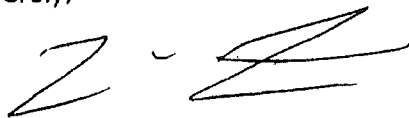
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Dear Hearing Examiner:

I am a strong supporter for the expansion of Children's Hospital. The hospital is a vital resource for our city, region and state. With the current need for employment a major concern, the expansion will offer an additional 2,900 jobs to the Northeast community by 2012. The creation of these jobs is just another amazing benefit this expansion offers the community.

Please support the recommended expansion of the hospital. The hospital must expand without further delay, and the Laurelon Terrace site provides enough space for the hospital to build patient beds for the next 20 years. I want to know that Seattle Children's will have a bed for my future children or the children of my friend's and family, should they need it. This truly is a wonderful plan.

Sincerely,



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RE: CHILDREN'S EXPANSION SUPPORT

Dear Hearing Examiner:

I have lived in Northeast Seattle for many years and am writing you to voice my support for the expansion of Children's Hospital according to the recommendations made by the CAC, DPD and SCH.

This expansion plan not only meets the growth needs of the hospital, but also accommodates the needs of the neighbors. Hospital access points are maintained on Sand Point Way, and the views of neighboring homeowners are preserved. Construction impacts on residential neighbors are minimized with the new structures being built to the West of the existing hospital, and building heights remain their current elevation level. I applaud the city and Children's Hospital for working so hard to find an all-around winning solution for the hospital and the neighbors.

Recently, my family hosted a neighborhood party in Laurelhurst to raise awareness about the hospital's proposed expansion. It was outstanding to see so many of our neighbors who were in support of Alternative 7. Please support the expansion, as so many of us do.

Yours truly,



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RE: LCC Appeal of DPD Report on Seattle Children's Hospital

Dear Hearing Examiner:

I am proud to say that I have lived in NE Seattle my entire life. However, I am appalled by the appeal of the LCC.

Last June, I realized that a vocal minority (mostly the leadership of the LCC) was having a large impact on the CAC and the DPD. To ensure that the CAC and the DPD received a more balanced perspective of the community's opinion, I started a non-profit group called Northeast Seattle Cares to inform the community about (a) how far along the expansion process has come, (b) the great option being proposed by Children's in Alternative 7, and (c) the need for the quiet majority to be heard on this matter. The main goals of NESC are to encourage community residents to be informed about the expansion project and to voice their opinion to the CAC and the DPD, either by attending CAC meetings or by writing letters. NESC continues to grow and now represents over 600 people – of which over 300 decided to write a letter to the DPD and over 30 attended a CAC meeting or the DPD public hearing.

I believe it is imperative that key decision-makers understand that the LCC does not reflect the opinions of most NE Seattle residents. The LCC is bound by its bylaws to oppose development within its stated geographic boundaries, which include Children's Hospital. There are some LCC members who are worried that Children's growing size will impact the traffic, noise and pollution in the area. These are valid concerns, but over 25 CAC meetings and an exhaustive review by the DPD have led to recommendations focused on ensuring that these impacts are appropriately mitigated.

I urge you to listen to the opinion of the majority, as represented by the CAC, and disregard the complaints of the LCC.

Thank you,

Meghan B. Quint
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Dear Hearing Examiner:

I have lived in NE Seattle for the past 4 years and recently just purchased my first home here. I am impressed with all the NE Seattle community has to offer. That is why I'm giving my full support to the recommendations made by the Department of Planning and Development, the Citizens Advisory Committee and Children's Hospital for the expansion project.

After reading the recent DPD letter, I understand that some in our community have voiced concern over the expansion of the Children's Hospital and have appealed the FEIS report: I find that ridiculous. After doing my own research and talking to those who are knowledgeable about the expansion, I've come to the conclusion that the LCC will do anything to stop the expansion, regardless of the hospitals' efforts to please the surrounding neighbors.

I wrote to the Land Use Planner last June supporting the Alternative 7 (now evolved into the Revised Alternative 7) expansion plan because it addresses the issues of traffic on residential streets, minimizes construction impacts on the hospital and on neighbors, and preserves homeowners' views.

It is important to me to have an outstanding hospital in my community, but the influence of Children's extends beyond NE Seattle to everyone in the region with a medical need for their children. Fulfilling the current need for growth is vital to keeping this organization on the leading edge of the medical field. I urge you to spend a day there and witness the miracles for yourself.

Sincerely,

Nathan Smith

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Dear Hearing Examiner:

The DPD sent me a letter notifying me of the LCC's appeal of the FEIS. I grew up in the Sand Point neighborhood of Northeast Seattle and am very grateful for the presence of Seattle Children's Hospital in my neighborhood and I welcome its expansion.

I am not a Laurelhurst resident, but I know that many Laurelhurst residents do not support the position or the actions of the LCC on this matter. The role of a community club is to represent the interests of its community in bettering the quality of life in that community. I do not understand how the LCC does not see the expansion of Children's Hospital as an opportunity to enhance the quality of the Laurelhurst neighborhood. The existing hospital campus is pristine, and I can only expect that the expanded campus will be equally as beautiful.

The DPD's report more than adequately addresses the impacts of the proposed expansion. This appeal is simply a stall tactic by the LCC. It is important that Children's continue to have enough space to serve their patients' needs. Right now, they are over-capacity, and the need is desperate. The Alternative 7R expansion plan will provide enough beds for the next two decades. The work of this hospital is so important to the community and has touched so many lives. Please support Alternative 7R so that the future of Children's Hospital is secured in Northeast Seattle.

Thank you,


Mic Alexander
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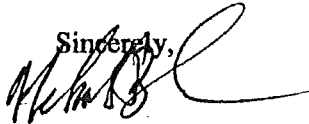
We have previously written to you to express our support for the community solution to an expanded Seattle Children's Hospital. We strongly oppose the Laurelhurst Community Club appeal regarding the City's environmental impact report. We firmly believe the needs for this community far outweigh the very small minority that are not ready to let the decision stand.

We do not live in the immediate vicinity, but Children's Hospital has been a part of our lives for almost 30 years. Our son was a patient there from the time he was 3 weeks old and our entire family now spends a great deal of our time and money volunteering on behalf of other families like ours. All of these children deserve the best and that means making Seattle Children's Hospital the best it can be.

Although we cannot be present for the Public Hearing scheduled for March 2nd, we request that our comments be read into the record supporting the community solution to an expanded Seattle Children's Hospital. Should you need to speak to us at any time, we can be reached at 206-300-2636.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,



Michael B. Smith

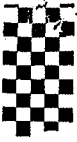


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Fr: Marcel & Charlotte van Zuylen
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Re: Citizens Advisory Committee / Children's Hospital Alternative 7R

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing you to ask your strong support for the CAC recommendation of Alternative 7R; Expansion of Children's Hospital. Having gone to many of the 25 CAC meetings we believe option 7R best fits the needs of Children's Hospital, as well as the Lauralhurst/Sand Point/Bryant communities.

We commend the members of the CAC for their tireless work over these many months. Having been to nearly half of these meetings we have seen balance compromise on both sides. We commend the Hospital for consistently meeting the concerns of the neighborhood and the needs of the patients they serve.

In particular, we feel the Hospital has offered generously to:

1. Limiting the height and scale by purchasing the Lurlon Terrace Condominiums, thus moving the bulk of the hospital 'down' slope to Sand Point Way; preserving views, adding green buffers, and gaining better access to both the hospital and neighborhoods.
2. Preserving moderate income housing.
3. Setting the 'gold standard' in traffic mitigation with its varied and novel approaches to getting and keeping their employees committed to public and alternative transit.
4. Consistently communicating with the surrounding neighborhoods their on going commitment to preserving our quality of life with construction updates, timetables, and events fostering an open and honest dialogue.

In addition this project will also help the local economy by providing much need jobs before, during and after completion. Our neighborhood will benefit by increase transit opportunities provided by both Metro and Children's own transit planning.

We concur with today's Seattle Times endorsement and believe this is what well thought of balanced planning looks like.

Again, we respectfully ask you to approve the CAC recommendation of alternative 7R.

Thank you,
Marcel & Charlotte van Zuylen
Viewridge Residents

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Dear Hearing Examiner,

I am a lifelong resident of Northeast Seattle that is committed to maintaining the character and charm of this neighborhood. That's why I fully support the recommendations made by the CAC, Children's Hospital and the Dept. of Planning and Development.

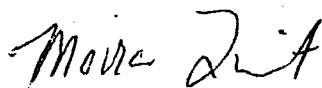
I'm writing this letter supporting the recommendations because I have closely followed the expansion's progress through the CAC website, PI articles and family members who are closely involved with the expansion project. I think it would be a terrible waste of resources for this project to be scratched after the City, Children's and the CAC volunteers have invested so much time, money, and energy.

Last June, I wrote to the Land Use Planner in support of the Alternative 7 expansion plan because it takes into account the concerns of the community. Traffic in residential neighborhoods is minimized. Homeowners' views are protected. I believe the character of the Northeast Seattle neighborhood is not only preserved, but will be enhanced by this expansion.

Because of my commitment to this community, I want to ensure that the services Children's Hospital offers remain available to this community. My four children are now grown, but my grandson just experienced a short stay at Children's. I am not sure what our family will do if Children's services are unavailable to us because of a lack of capacity.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,



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Dear Hearing Examiner,

My family has lived in the View Ridge area since 1958. I support the Major Institution Master Plan as recommended by the Department of Planning and Development, the Citizens Advisory Committee and Children's Hospital for an expanded hospital.

Last June I wrote the Land Use Planner because friends of mine live at Laurelon Terrace. They had studied the buy-out proposal and felt that was fair. I am writing of my support again because of the recent DPD letter about the LCC's appeal. I have spoken to many people who have found both the CAC and the DPD processes more than adequate.

I do not believe the LCC fairly represents community members and I hope that you take that into consideration.

Thirty years ago two of our children needed immediate medical attention--one from a neighbor's play gym accident and one who suddenly became critically ill-- and we always will be grateful for Children's Hospital's ability to provide immediate, loving and successful care. I realize that young patients from other states are also treated in ways that incorporate their entire family. Having such a fine facility in close proximity to our home has added to our security here. I have been a Minnie Fortson Kirk Children's Hospital Guild member for many years, and therefore have a good understanding of the medical center's past and present accomplishments. I am confident your affirmation of the proposed Children's Hospital expansion will prove a wise decision.

Yours truly,

Mary Quint

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Sir,

Regarding Children,
Hospital's proposed MIMP,
I am writing to support
it.

Allowing Children's to
expand onto the 7.5 acres
of Laurelton Terrace will
ease its upward, skyward
thrust, preserving views.

Since Laurelton lies at
the foot of Laurelhurst,
traffic destined for the
Hospital there will not
travel up NE 45th into
Laurelhurst, which seems
sure to please residents
there.

2)

most residents of the
Laurelton, including
formerly myself, will
receive enough money from
the hospital to buy new
homes with ease — a
boon to the busted real
estate market.

Any construction that
Children's undertakes on
the Laurelton property will
serve as an economic
stimulus locally, at a
time when more spending
is needed.

Children's may well
create more jobs, which
will produce wages and

therefore additional
tax revenue to
support government
programs.

Everybody gains.

Peter Newirth
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February 10, 2009

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Dear Hearing Examiner,

As a resident of Northeast Seattle, I support the expansion of Children's Hospital and agree with the recommendations made by the Citizens Advisory Committee, the Department of Planning and Development, and Children's.

I received the letter mailed out by the DPD, and I am disappointed with the LCC and their constant appeals. So I am writing another letter in support of the expansion.

I wrote the Land Use Planner last June supporting Alternative 7 because I felt that it:

- a) meets the growth needs of the hospital,
- b) maintains hospital access points on Sand Point Way,
- c) preserves the views of neighboring homeowners,
- d) minimizes construction impacts on residential neighbors, and
- e) keeps building heights at their current elevation-level.

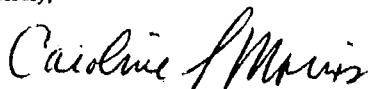
I am writing this second letter in support of the recommendations because:

- a) I think the findings of the Final Environmental Impact Study are thorough and complete,
- b) The hospital has worked with tireless devotion to address community concerns, and
- c) I have spoken with many Laurelhurst residents who support this expansion, disagree with the LCC's appeal, and are questioning whether the LCC really represents them.

I have lived in Northeast Seattle my entire life, and value having Children's Hospital as a neighbor. I am glad to know that they are thriving and need to expand. I have three children, and Children's has always done an excellent job meeting the pediatric needs of my family. We need to do what it takes to allow them the space they need to continue serving the pediatric needs of our community.

I hope you see that the recommended expansion plan is the community solution to an expanded Children's Hospital, and LCC appeal is groundless and counter to community interests. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Caroline S. Morris

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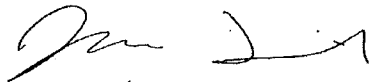
As a member of the Northeast Seattle community, I support the recommendations made by Children's, the CAC and the DPD.

I am aware that the LCC is challenging the adequacy of the FEIS. I disagree with the LCC on this matter. I wrote a letter to the Land Use Planner in July 2007, in support of Alternative 7 because of its accommodations to Laurelhurst and other neighboring residents. I feel that the concerns of the neighbors about traffic, noise, entrances and building scale were thoroughly addressed in Mr. Ringgold's report. Having grown up in Laurelhurst at 5105 NE 45th Street, I am appalled at the LCC's actions to continually stall and complicate this project, even after so many concessions have been made by the hospital.

I have followed the progress of this expansion project by reading the CAC's website and by talking with people involved in the project. I find the FEIS to be more than adequate, which is why I am writing this letter. I appreciate that Children's has worked with and listened to the wishes of the community throughout this expansion process.

Both of my grandfather's are doctors, so I highly value medical personnel and the services they offer. I view the potential expansion of SCH as extremely beneficial to the Northeast Seattle area, as well as to the entire Northwest Region and beyond. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



John Quint

December 16, 2008

Mayor Greg Nickels
P.O. Box 94749
Seattle, WA 98124-4749

Your Honor,

Seattle Children's Hospital is, and should continue to be, a beacon of hope for the 70,000 plus individual patients that are treated there each year. However, in order to maintain the ability to meet the increasing needs of the region, the hospital has to grow its specialized pediatric care.

As a neighbor of the hospital, as a parent of a child who has received treatment in the hospital, I strongly encourage you recognize, consider and confirm the efforts of both the Seattle Children's and the Citizen's Advisory Committee to create Alternative 7R. Alternative 7R addresses many of the community concerns by:

- o Stair-stepping buildings away from Sand Point Way and 40th Avenue NE to soften the visual bulk of the buildings
- o Increasing the amount of open space by utilizing some rooftops as new garden terraces and adding gardens and pathways

Further, Seattle Children's Hospital has proven their corporate and neighborhood citizenship by creating the following green, responsible transportation solutions:

- o Expanding transit options and shuttle bus service between all of its facilities and is partnering with King County Metro by paying a share of the costs to increase frequency of service on the two Metro routes that serve the neighborhoods surrounding the hospital.
- o Pledging \$2 million to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists in the neighborhood.
- o Funding a share of key improvements in corridors leading to the hospital.

Beyond the healthcare and economic benefits Alternative 7R would create, moving forward with this is the right decision for Seattle to take.

Thank you,

Paul Herber
6219 31st Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98115

approve this expansion now and not waste any more time so the staff at Children's can go back to supporting the numerous families that put their trust in Children's.

Sincerely,

Mark Mendelow

Cc: Mayor Greg Nickels
Scott Ringgold

Mark S. Mendolow
5002 48th Avenue NE
Seattle, WA 98105

December 10, 2008

Dear Citizen's Advisory Committee,

I am writing this letter as a strong supporter of Seattle Children's and the expansion of the hospital under Alternative 7R. I have lived in Laurelhurst for over seven years during which time I have also been an employee at Seattle Children's. I know the value and importance of Children's first hand, both as the uncle/former foster parent of a child with special needs and in my role as the Manager for Patient and Family Relations at Children's.

Last year, my nephew was told that he needed a delicate surgery. We waited two months for an evaluation appointment with a specialist and then another two months for his surgery. Why? Because the demand for Children's specialty care is very high and space limitations in the Surgery Center prevent scheduling procedures for all children in a timely way. It was very difficult to watch our nephew endure the anxiety that comes with waiting months for an operation.

In my professional role, I am often the person responsible for informing families that their child's surgery must be postponed in the eleventh hour. Families go through significant emotional and practical preparation prior to a child's operation. Parents take time off from work and arrange care for siblings. Can you imagine what it is like for a family to get a call the day before their child's operation to say that because of a lack of beds in the intensive care unit where the child must recover, the surgery must be postponed?

I am the person who has to field calls from distraught families who are unable to get an appointment in our clinics in a timely way. And I am the person who often must explain to the exhausted mother of a very ill child why they must share a small room with another ill child and their family. We have children receiving chemotherapy often having to share a room with one and at times, two other patients and families – not an optimal healing environment for any patient or their family.

Seattle Children's is #8 in the country and #1 on the West coast – doesn't the hospital deserve the space it needs to treat all children in a timely and efficient way? Yes, there are other hospitals in our city, but when it is the life of your child, you want the best. National standards of care set the optimal occupancy rate for children's hospitals at 65% - Children's has been operating at unprecedented levels ranging from 85 to 100 percent occupancy year-round.

Opponents to the expansion say that Children's does not need the additional 250 to 350 beds. But, I don't think people realize that these new beds are for the next 20 years. I can say with absolute certainty that the information provided in the *Laurelhurst Letter* ("...CHRM's addition of any more than 40 pediatric inpatient beds before 2026 would create an oversupply..." is inaccurate and does not represent reality. We need those 40 beds now.

I have worked as a pediatric social worker for almost 25 years. I worked in the past at Children's Hospital of San Francisco, Oakland Children's Hospital and at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. Seattle Children's is an incredible asset to our community, and clearly is one of the best in the nation. We must support an expansion that will allow a responsible use of resources and provide access to any family needing the fine care provided there.

I strongly urge you to support Alternative 7R for the growth of Children's. We will not find a better plan for growth that will meet the needs of the hospital and maintain the quality of the neighborhood. We must

Jim and Yumiko Weed
Bellevue WA

I am going to speak quickly because what I want to express is a three-minute summary of a three-year journey.

I would like to begin by stating what we believe, based on our experience: Children's provides opportunities to save lives from fates worse than death.

Our child's mental disorder was so debilitating that before we found a bed at Children's, he was unable to leave his room and would physically harm his body in unimaginable ways. The disorder was so devastating that it was killing the patient and destroying the family.

From psychologist to psychiatrist to outpatient treatment, along with a myriad of medications, to court-ordered commitment to an in-patient facility, our search for a cure progressed.

Eventually a bed at Children's became available and because our child was so possessed by some, what I term, 'a mental demon', he would not voluntarily go; we contacted DSHS who very quickly arrived at our home and determined our child was so gravely disabled that they were taking charge and sending him for evaluation.

When the DSHS was making a decision as to which facility our child would be committed, we informed them that we had a bed at Children's. Surprised and impressed, they ordered him to Children's instead of a State facility. Their comment to us was: "You did your homework." It was then that we knew the resources (facility and personnel) would be far superior to anything the State could offer; we had made the right choice with Children's. We would get our bed.

Timing and quality of care is as critical to a patient with a mental disorder as it is to a patient with a physical disorder. Without a bed at Children's, our child would have been committed to a State facility, which we experienced during transition back to society. Therefore, we feel qualified to inform you that without Children's, we believe our child would have ended up institutionalized for the remainder of his life. Not for lack of caring by the State, but for lack of resources.

Our experience is that Children's is clean, safe, secure, well managed, and appropriately staffed with the highest caliber professionals. The care and support they provide both the patient and the family surpasses all expectations and that of any other facility. What value can be placed on an institution that can enable a child to go from a 'dead man walking' without hope of recovery, to a productive member of society currently attending a university free from his disorder.

I would like to share with you a quotation that has helped me through many difficult situations: "You are who you are because of who you were when. Change isn't easy, but it is possible; and it sometimes requires a significant emotional experience." Our unending appreciation to Children's for being there just in time and for going the distance with us; our child is alive and well today because you are the epitome of the quotation.

I can only imagine that for every bed that is occupied, how many children and families are waiting in agony for their turn.

Thank you... and we would be pleased to respond to any questions you might have...

BEFORE THE CITY OF SEATTLE
OFFICE OF HEARING EXAMINER

February 22, 2009

TO:

SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT

CASE NO.

FEIS □ SEATTLE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
Statement of Standing and Support

As residents of the North Seattle community □ and strong supporters for thoughtful, managed growth in Seattle □ we respectfully submit this statement for the official public record. Our interest in this process parallels our interests in the development of Magnuson Park, a process which was significantly compromised by the Laurelhurst Community Club.

We strongly urge your consideration of these issues in establishing the quality and integrity of Children's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and recognizing the community's participation in the CAC's thoughtful, inclusive process.

The Laurelhurst Community Club (LCC) has filed a formal appeal concerning the Children's EIS. In their appeal, LCC makes an assertion that is significant to the community's representation in this and other matters. Specifically, the LCC states:

A. Standing

"Since 1922 the Laurelhurst Community Club...has represented the interests of the Laurelhurst community, including in matters concerning land use, development, and the welfare of the community. LCC's standing to represent the interests of the community's 2,800 households and businesses has been recognized..."

We believe LCC has substantially distorted the community's interests, and the neighborhood it purports to represent.

Therefore, we ask that the Hearing Examiner consider the following issues, in assessing both the appellant's standing and expressed concerns regarding the Seattle Children's Hospital EIS.

ISSUE A: MISREPRESENTING MEMBERSHIP

In the statement of Standing, the LCC cites a constituency of "2,800 households and businesses." This statement elicits three concerns:

- The 2,800 number was published by LCC in its newsletter until March of 2007, when it was increased to claim 3,000 members. During that time however, there were no corresponding increases in the number of businesses and residences in that community. In its current materials LCC alternately cites a membership of both 3,000 and 2,800. This is a repeated discrepancy.
- At the same time, in the minutes of the LCC monthly meeting for August 11, 2008, the LCC's own Treasury report states:

"As of 7/31/08, of the 1,380 families, businesses and others within the LCC, 591 have paid their 2008 dues."

This much smaller number is again cited by LCC in their July 9, 2008 letter to Scott Ringgold. This is a further, repeated, discrepancy.

Not only is the 2,800 number used arbitrarily within LCC, there is clearly a significant gap ☐ **potentially five-fold** ☐ between what LCC publicly and privately counts as "members."

As such, LCC's statement of Standing is manifestly false.

As the CAC process made clear, we believe LCC represents a small strain of private interests in the community.

Furthermore, we believe this lack of integrity substantially erodes ☐ if not completely relegates ☐ LCC's standing as the stated representative of the community.

ISSUE B: AGENCY

The LCC claims that it represents the interests of every household in the Laurelhurst community. However, there are no neighborhood covenants, nor legally binding regulations, nor official authority given by the City of Seattle ☐ by which LCC can base these representative rights.

It is an entirely baseless claim.

Quite simply, once you move into Laurelhurst, the LCC claims it is your representative ☐ de facto ☐ with no means to opt-out from under their representative cover.

The authority to represent Laurelhurst residents has not been given by many people ☐ nor do we feel it should be taken by you ☐ on the matter of the EIS.

ISSUE C: REPRESENTATION

The LCC claims to be a representative organization, yet members have virtually no say in the selection of their representation:

- ∞ The Board of Trustees is not directly elected by members. A committee of Trustees nominates only those candidates it approves, and members are required to attend a meeting in person to approve the slate in an open vote. No private or direct votes are permitted by the general membership. Trustees are regularly appointed by other Trustees without member election. (LCC Bylaws, Article III, Section 4 Election of Officers).
- ∞ There are no term limits, with current Trustees sitting in office for over a decade. (LCC Bylaws, Article III, Section 2 Number of Trustees, Qualification, Elections.)
- ∞ There are no mechanisms in the LCC Bylaws to recall a Trustee.

In the simplest terms, Laurelhurst residents can't affect the representation of a group that claims to represent them.

As a result, LCC has become an oligarchy.

Therefore, in the strongest possible terms, we object to LCC's declaration of Standing on behalf of the community. It is a fabrication.

ISSUE D: PRIOR INTENT

The LCC's published charter clearly prioritizes their organizational objectives:

"#1 Goal Nonresidential development (public or private) should be prohibited in all areas of Laurelhurst where existing development is predominantly residential."

It is disingenuous of the LCC to say they are working in good faith with the community, when their clearly stated intent is "prohibiting" all growth.

While LCC has characterized itself as a "community council" □ it is clear that is clear by their words and actions that they are an issue-driven political organization.

It is not possible to reconcile LCC's mission of absolute PROHIBITION, to the City of Seattle's desire for consultation, cooperation, negotiation and mitigation.

Like other neighborhoods, the Laurelhurst community possesses many differing opinions about growth. By virtue of its own stated "#1 Goal," LCC cannot possibly be representative of the community on issues relating to land use.

We believe LCC's objection to the EIS is a blatant attempt to frustrate any growth and in fact not representative of the Laurelhurst community's support for reasonable growth.

ISSUE E: VIOLATING THE INTEGRITY OF THE CAC

The Laurelhurst Community Club has marketed a Web site related to this process:
www.childrensaction.com

On this Web site on the left-hand side is a link to the "Citizen's Advisory Committee," encouraging public comment through direct contact with CAC members.

Deceptively, this link also connects to the e-mail address of Jeannie Hale, President of LCC implying Ms. Hale too were a member of Citizen's Advisory Committee. (As you know, she is not.)

In doing so, members of the public who want their opinions to be heard confidentially by CAC members are surreptitiously having their e-mails routed to the appellant group, who can then monitor that correspondence.

Any misrepresentation of an official, public appointment is an outrageous breach of the integrity of the CAC, a group who worked tirelessly to balance the interests of our community.

Such malignant deception has frustrated a fair and equitable hearing of Laurelhurst's interests on land use. It is bitterly ironic for LCC to appeal the CAC's recommendation on the basis of due process, while the public is denied the same privilege.

ISSUE F: FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

To be truly representative it is important that LCC's expenditures reflect the priorities of the members. Despite LCC's own bylaws, (*Article III, Section 5 Officers' Duties*), current Trustees have failed to provide a timely, detailed accounting of Club finances:

- As of 02/01/09 the LCC's Web site lists 2001 as the most current annual report that includes a financial statement. (Seven years!)
- LCC bylaws clearly call for a Treasury report at "regular meetings." Finances for both the November and December 08 meetings were deferred at each meeting, and as of 02/01/09 had not yet been reported.
- Similarly, the October 08 Treasury report was still not filed as of 02/01/09.

Absent compliance to its own self-imposed bylaws, LCC provides no mechanism of oversight to assure the resources of the Club reflect the priorities of the membership.

Therefore, we urge the Hearing Examiner to regard the appeal as representing a small, cloistered group of private interests □ operating away from and without substantial accountability to the members it claims to represent.

ISSUE G: FUNDING SOURCES

Related to Children's expansion, the LCC has commissioned numerous "expert" reports on land-use, environment and traffic, etc. It also retains the services of an attorney whose own Web site proclaims him a "Washington Super Lawyer."

(One cannot imagine that these services come cheaply!)

The sources of funding for LCC remain non-specific □ and are simply listed as "Dues" and income from "Special Projects," on the infrequent Treasury reports. The considerable cost of these "experts" cannot be reconciled to any current financial statements, calling into question the funding and other interests behind LCC.

Without sufficient transparency into the financial sponsorship of LCC's "expert" reports, we respectfully request that they not be considered a fair and objective reflection of Laurelhurst's concerns.

ISSUE H: ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

Effectively representing Laurelhurst requires timely and complete reporting of issues and actions impacting the community.

The LCC appears derelict in its adherence to its own bylaws, continually failing to report and approve the minutes of its monthly meetings.

- At the January monthly meeting, the Trustees approved a backlog of prior monthly minutes in apparent violation of its own bylaws. (*Section 9 Order of Business Meetings*.)
- In late-January 09, the LCC finally published back-dated meeting minutes for November and December 08 □ in violation of their own bylaws.
- As of 02/01/09, the October 08 minutes remained missing from the public record.
- The July 08 meeting minutes reflected a member's complaint that LCC had not published its meeting minutes for the preceding nine (9) months, since September 07, demonstrating a continued disregard for members.

Continued failure to keep, approve and publish the meeting minutes leaves the community without the information we require to assure equitable representation of member interests by LCC.

ISSUE A: MISREPRESENTING MEMBERSHIP

In the statement of Standing, the LCC cites a constituency of "2,800 households and businesses." This statement elicits three concerns:

- The 2,800 number was published by LCC in its newsletter until March of 2007, when it was increased to claim 3,000 members. During that time however, there were no corresponding increases in the number of businesses and residences in that community. In its current materials LCC alternately cites a membership of both 3,000 and 2,800. This is a repeated discrepancy.
- At the same time, in the minutes of the LCC monthly meeting for August 11, 2008, the LCC's own Treasury report states:

"As of 7/31/08, of the 1,380 families, businesses and others within the LCC, 591 have paid their 2008 dues."

This much smaller number is again cited by LCC in their July 9, 2008 letter to Scott Ringgold. This is a further, repeated, discrepancy.

Not only is the 2,800 number used arbitrarily within LCC, there is clearly a significant gap ☐ potentially five-fold ☐ between what LCC publicly and privately counts as "members."

As such, LCC's statement of Standing is manifestly false.

As the CAC process made clear, we believe LCC represents a small strain of private interests in the community.

Furthermore, we believe this lack of integrity substantially erodes ☐ if not completely relegates ☐ LCC's standing as the stated representative of the community.

ISSUE B: AGENCY

The LCC claims that it represents the interests of every household in the Laurelhurst community. However, there are no neighborhood covenants, nor legally binding regulations, nor official authority given by the City of Seattle ☐ by which LCC can base these representative rights.

It is an entirely baseless claim.

Quite simply, once you move into Laurelhurst, the LCC claims it is your representative ☐ de facto ☐ with no means to opt-out from under their representative cover.

The authority to represent Laurelhurst residents has not been given by many people ☐ nor do we feel it should be taken by you ☐ on the matter of the EIS.

ISSUE C: REPRESENTATION

The LCC claims to be a representative organization, yet members have virtually no say in the selection of their representation:

- ∞ The Board of Trustees is not directly elected by members. A committee of Trustees nominates only those candidates it approves, and members are required to attend a meeting in person to approve the slate in an open vote. No private or direct votes are permitted by the general membership. Trustees are regularly appointed by other Trustees without member election. (*LCC Bylaws, Article III, Section 4 Election of Officers*).
- ∞ There are no term limits, with current Trustees sitting in office for over a decade. (*LCC Bylaws, Article III, Section 2 Number of Trustees, Qualification, Elections*.)
- ∞ There are no mechanisms in the LCC Bylaws to recall a Trustee.

In the simplest terms, Laurelhurst residents can't affect the representation of a group that claims to represent them.

As a result, LCC has become an oligarchy.

Therefore, in the strongest possible terms, we object to LCC's declaration of Standing on behalf of the community. It is a fabrication.

ISSUE D: PRIOR INTENT

The LCC's published charter clearly prioritizes their organizational objectives:

"#1 Goal "Nonresidential development (public or private) should be prohibited in all areas of Laurelhurst where existing development is predominantly residential."

It is disingenuous of the LCC to say they are working in good faith with the community, when their clearly stated intent is "prohibiting" all growth.

While LCC has characterized itself as a "community council" □ it is clear that is clear by their words and actions that they are an issue-driven political organization.

It is not possible to reconcile LCC's mission of absolute PROHIBITION, to the City of Seattle's desire for consultation, cooperation, negotiation and mitigation.

Like other neighborhoods, the Laurelhurst community possesses many differing opinions about growth. By virtue of its own stated "#1 Goal," LCC cannot possibly be representative of the community on issues relating to land use.

We believe LCC's objection to the EIS is a blatant attempt to frustrate any growth and in fact not representative of the Laurelhurst community's support for reasonable growth.

ISSUE E: VIOLATING THE INTEGRITY OF THE CAC

The Laurelhurst Community Club has marketed a Web site related to this process: www.childrensaction.com

On this Web site on the left-hand side is a link to the "Citizen's Advisory Committee," encouraging public comment through direct contact with CAC members.

Deceptively, this link also connects to the e-mail address of Jeannie Hale, President of LCC implying Ms. Hale too were a member of Citizen's Advisory Committee. (As you know, she is not.)

In doing so, members of the public who want their opinions to be heard confidentially by CAC members are surreptitiously having their e-mails routed to the appellant group, who can then monitor that correspondence.

Any misrepresentation of an official, public appointment is an outrageous breach of the integrity of the CAC, a group who worked tirelessly to balance the interests of our community.

Such malignant deception has frustrated a fair and equitable hearing of Laurelhurst's interests on land use. It is bitterly ironic for LCC to appeal the CAC's recommendation on the basis of due process, while the public is denied the same privilege.

ISSUE F: FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

To be truly representative it is important that LCC's expenditures reflect the priorities of the members. Despite LCC's own bylaws, (*Article III, Section 5 Officers' Duties*), current Trustees have failed to provide a timely, detailed accounting of Club finances:

- As of 02/01/09 the LCC's Web site lists 2001 as the most current annual report that includes a financial statement. (Seven years!)
- LCC bylaws clearly call for a Treasury report at "regular meetings." Finances for both the November and December 08 meetings were deferred at each meeting, and as of 02/01/09 had not yet been reported.
- Similarly, the October 08 Treasury report was still not filed as of 02/01/09.

Absent compliance to its own self-imposed bylaws, LCC provides no mechanism of oversight to assure the resources of the Club reflect the priorities of the membership.

Therefore, we urge the Hearing Examiner to regard the appeal as representing a small, cloistered group of private interests operating away from and without substantial accountability to the members it claims to represent.

ISSUE G: FUNDING SOURCES

Related to Children's expansion, the LCC has commissioned numerous "expert" reports on land-use, environment and traffic, etc. It also retains the services of an attorney whose own Web site proclaims him a "Washington Super Lawyer."

(One cannot imagine that these services come cheaply!)

The sources of funding for LCC remain non-specific and are simply listed as "Dues" and income from "Special Projects," on the Infrequent Treasury reports. The considerable cost of these "experts" cannot be reconciled to any current financial statements, calling into question the funding and other interests behind LCC.

Without sufficient transparency into the financial sponsorship of LCC's "expert" reports, we respectfully request that they not be considered a fair and objective reflection of Laurelhurst's concerns.

ISSUE H: ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

Effectively representing Laurelhurst requires timely and complete reporting of issues and actions impacting the community.

The LCC appears derelict in its adherence to its own bylaws, continually failing to report and approve the minutes of its monthly meetings.

- At the January monthly meeting, the Trustees approved a backlog of prior monthly minutes in apparent violation of its own bylaws. (*Section 9 Order of Business Meetings*.)
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- The July 08 meeting minutes reflect a member's complaint that LCC had not published its meeting minutes for the preceding nine (9) months, since September 07, demonstrating a continued disregard for members.

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We believe the Hearing Examiner will agree that without adherence to its own bylaws, LCC cannot be a significant, credible representative of a community's interests.

ISSUE I: CONSTITUENT INPUT

The LCC does not have an effective mechanism for input from the very public it purports to represent.

As recently as the January 09 monthly meeting LCC Trustees motioned that policy meetings about Children's be held in "Executive Session" - closed to members and not reported in the meeting minutes.

As such, there is no transparency to members into how their interests are represented.

As no LCC bylaws govern the appropriate use of Executive Session - substantial discussions about issues are conducted in secrecy, a way from its members.

It is intellectually dishonest to say that LCC's appeal is a thoughtful, deliberative reflection of the community's concerns.

After 25+ community meetings, the CAC brought to light many of the neighborhood's issues, and we feel they have been substantially addressed in the EIS.

ISSUE J: TRANSPARENCY

The LCC has cited other community organizations as broadly supporting the appellant position, including groups such as the *Northeast District Council* and the *Seattle Community Council Federation*.

We urge the Hearing Examiner to note that LCC's President - Jeannie Hale - is the current Chair of *The Seattle Community Council Federation*, and Co-Chairs at the *Northeast District Council*.

This supposed "broad" support for LCC's position is populist veneer.

The Laurelhurst community's support of the EIS mitigation plan was made abundantly clear during the CAC meetings. The broad support that LCC claims to have is a fabrication of a few narrow interests, and does not reflect the process that engaged the community in developing a thoughtful EIS.

ISSUE K: EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION

LCC states that all residents are members, and that it represents all members.

However, that representation appears highly conditional. On January 26th, 09 a dues-paying member requested information required under RCW 24.03.135, a statute

regulating non-profit corporations. That request was rebuked, significantly on the basis that the member has previously spoken in support of Children's Hospital.

LCC's unwillingness (or inability) to adhere to the State's law □ without unwarranted restrictions □ calls into question the intentions of the organization.

Given the demonstrable bias against members who support various positions, we ask that the LCC be considered hostile to the interests of *any* expansion, and therefore not a constructive partner in the process.

SUMMARY

The Laurelhurst Community Club has clearly misrepresented its membership, failed its own Bylaws, and subverts the interests of the process of gathering community input.

After many, many meetings the LCC has had more than enough time and opportunity to make its case to the public.

For countless issues, LCC has sought to block or subvert the goodwill of people in Seattle:

- ∞ *Outdoor Playfields at Magnuson Park*
- ∞ *Indoor Soccer Facility Renovations*
- ∞ *Retirement & Low-Income Housing (Talaris)*
- ∞ *UW Amenities (Stadium & Driving Range)*
- ∞ *Historic Preservation (Laurelton)*
- ∞ *Public Safety (Medical Helicopters)*
- ∞ *Transportation (520 Bridge & Tacoma Narrows)*
- ∞ *Economic Development (U-Village)*
- ∞ *Healthcare (Seattle Children's Hospital)*

We believe Laurelhurst and the City of Seattle deserve community representation that is fair, equitable, transparent and accountable.

For this, we ask the Hearing Examiner to allow the CAC report stand for the interests of the community.

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